DELIMITATION COMMITTEE.

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RULING RE: THE MAKING OF STATEMENTS OF POLICY BY THE GOVERNMENT DURING EVERY SESSION.

MR. PRESIDENT : In regard to the ruling asked for by Mr. A. Nesamony on Monday regarding the need for making statements of policy by the Government during every session, I give the following ruling ;—

I find that there is no provision in the Interim Constitution Act or the Rules and Standing Orders issued thereunder making it incumbent on the Leader of the House (Prime Minister) to make statements of the policy of Government during each session. There is such a practice in England. There 'motions for the adjournment are also moved by the Government at the instance of the Opposition, when it is not desired to challenge the authority of the Government but only to ventilate a subject without recording a decision of the House, and also occasionally when the Opposition wish to raise a matter of administrative policy which involves more than one department or issues too wide to be covered by a vote or group of kindred votes in supply'. Here also in the former legislature the Dewan used to make statements of policy of the Government when the House met for the first time during a session. This was under specific statutory provisions contained in the old Legislative Reforms Act, II of 1108. Vide Sections 5 (1), 6 (3) and 8. If, however, the Leader of the House wishes to make statements on behalf of the Government during any session, the Chair will have no objection in giving such permission.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

THE TRAVANCORE VERUMPATTOM HOLDERS (Stay of Eviction Proceedings) BILL—(*contd.*)

MR. A. NESAMONY : Sir, I was trying to point out that this piece of legislation does not meet with the actual demands of the people. What is wanted now is not security of the holding but it is security of the homestead. That is, an ordinary man is very particular that he should not be shifted from his homestead and left on the road with his family and all his belongings. Though this bill tries to secure for the occupant his leasehold right it does not seem to secure his homestead. If the definition of verumpattom holder is taken into consideration and the interpretation of the word immovable property is accepted, then immovable property would include both the land as well as the buildings thereon. That is to say if under clause 3 (e) lease of any building owned

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